

SEE WEDNESDAY'S REPUBLIC FOR LEADING MERCHANTS' MIDWEEK BARGAINS.

SENATOR HANNA'S LIFE EBBING AWAY;
NO LONGER ANY HOPE OF HIS RECOVERY.

SENATOR M. A. HANNA AT HIS DESK IN WASHINGTON.

HANNA KEPT ALIVE
BY STIMULANTS.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Washington, Feb. 15, 2:10 p. m.—Senator Hanna appears to be losing ground. He is gradually growing weaker. Stimulants are still being administered regularly, and his breathing is assisted by the oxygen tube about every fifteen minutes.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Washington, Feb. 14.—Senator Hanna's struggles with the grim reaper are almost over. His vital spark is nearly extinguished, and at this writing it is seemingly just flickering before going out. Twice today he collapsed entirely until the physicians said to each other, "This is surely the end."

Twice have the members of the family assembled at the bedside to see him breathe his last and twice has he been restored to consciousness, to attempt the struggle for life once more.

All hope has been abandoned. The old leader can no longer recognize intimate friends. He smiled once this afternoon, wanly and wearily, to Mrs. Hanna, his devoted helpmeet for forty years. It was probably the last time on earth he will recognize her, for instantly afterwards he sank into a stupor like one who was tired of it all and needed sleep.

The realization that this is the end has caused a deep gloom to come over the national capital. Men who have striven against him in the Senate and in national politics have sat around the Arlington Hotel lobby hour after hour to-day, with saddened faces, waiting for some good news, which did not come.

Prayers have been offered for his recovery in the churches, and men and women have visited the hotel, hoping for good news, and gone away with eyes dimmed with tears. When a bulletin showed there was no hope was read in the Ritz House, and tonight a dozen ladies burst into sobs, and wherever two persons have met inquiries have been made for the Senator as for a sorely stricken personal friend.

LEADING TOPICS

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TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

THE SUN RISES THIS MORNING AT 6:55 AND SETS THIS EVENING AT 5:25. THE MOON RISES THIS MORNING AT 6:11.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.
For Missouri—Fair Monday; Tuesday, fair and warmer.
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KANSAS PRISONER DECLARES
HE IS NOT BILL RUDOLPH.

Warden of Penitentiary Says There Is a Discrepancy of One Inch Between the Height of "Gorney" and the "Missouri Kid"—Convict Asserts He Was Born in Minnesota, and That He Has Only Been in Missouri Once, and Then Only for Two Weeks.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Leavenworth, Kas., Feb. 14.—With the same stolidity which has characterized him since his identification by Nelson W. Bush, a Pinkerton detective, as Bill Rudolph, the Union, Mo., bank robber, the convict received here under the name of Charles Gorney, refuses to tell his story. He talks of himself, but only in response to direct questions.

When seen this afternoon by the correspondent of The Republic, he still denied that he was Rudolph. So convincing has been his manner that even the Warden and some of the prison officials still have doubts.

Warden Jewett declares that there was a discrepancy in the measurements of the prisoner's height of one inch. He admitted, however, that he had not been present when the comparisons were made.

Rudolph, although he appeared slow-witted at times, was much interested in the newspaper accounts of his identification, published to-day. He asked his interviewer for a copy of a Kansas City paper. As the reporter had none, he requested the Warden to send for one.

STARTLED BY QUESTION.
"Are you Bill Rudolph?" he was asked. "I answered that question yesterday," Rudolph answered brusquely, although taken somewhat aback by the question.

"How long is it since you have been in Missouri?"

"I was in Kansas City two weeks."

"Were you ever in Union, Mo?"

"I have never been anywhere in Missouri except Kansas City."

"Where is your home?"

"In St. Paul."

"Do your parents live there?"

"No; they are both dead and buried near St. Paul."

"Have you any relatives?"

"No."

TRAVELED OVER COUNTRY.

On the register of the prison are given the names of Thomas and Clarence Gorney, Etan, Minn., as relatives. This record was made when Rudolph first came to the Penitentiary.

Asked what he had done for the last few years, Rudolph said that he had traveled all over the country, mentioning Seattle frequently. All efforts to pin him down to dates and specific places were useless.

Six months ago, he said, he had been in St. Paul. When Mooreville and other Missouri towns which he traversed in his flight were mentioned, he was asked about them, he pleaded total ignorance.

Rudolph does not seem to be the man he once was. The long chase has told on him, slowly perhaps, but surely. He shows little spirit. His greatest desire, apparently, is to be left alone.

FACTS FAIR ON SIDE.

Bill Rudolph, when he arrived at the prison, had his black hair parted on the left side, whereas, when he was identified before his escape from the St. Louis jail, it was parted in the middle, but one of the telltale marks is the peculiar growth of his hair in the center of the forehead.

He had removed from his mouth the false teeth and also had the gold fillings picked from some of his teeth.

He wore a small mustache when brought to prison, but it was shaved off, and the mole in the upper lip just above the corner of the mouth was visible.

Rudolph was put to work in the coal mine Friday, but it is not thought he will go back there. It is expected that the Governor of Missouri will request the

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REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

JAPANESE FORCES MOVING TOWARD PORT ARTHUR;
ALEXIEFF ADMITS 19,000 LANDED AT CHEMULPO;
REPORTED COSSACKS SABERED 410 JAPS AT DALNY;
FIRST GRAPHIC ACCOUNT OF BATTLE AT CHEMULPO.

Czar's Uncle and Cousin Will Depart at Once for Seat of War—Mystery of Whereabouts of the Vladivostok Russian Fleet Remains Unsolved, Though Reports From Nagasaki Declare That Three of the Great Cruisers Were Torpedoed and Blown Up by the Japanese Fleet.

FIRST GREAT BATTLE MAY TAKE PLACE AT YONGAMPO.

Detailed accounts of the battle of Chemulpo Bay fully bear out the earlier Republic dispatches indicating a complete victory for Japan. Many conflicting rumors indicate even a greater loss for Russia at Port Arthur than the first news outlined. There is no support for the rumor that Japan lost three torpedo boats in the Port Arthur engagement, but there are persistent reports of disaster to Russia's Vladivostok fleet off Northern Japan.

On the land side of the war there are numerous bulletins in support of the rumor that Japan has succeeded in getting many thousands of soldiers ashore, notably the admission by Alexieff that 19,000 of the Mikado's men got a footing at Chemulpo. There are indications of several sharp struggles, in which the Japanese were driven back to their ships, but the impression is gained from many sources that the invaders are pressing Port Arthur on all sides. One bulletin says that the Russian railroad has been rendered ineffective for a distance of seventy miles.

VARIAG AND KORIEZT MADE GALLANT
FIGHT AGAINST OVERWHELMING ODDS.

Nagasaki, Sunday, Feb. 14.—A dispatch boat from Chemulpo brings the following account of the destruction of the Russian cruiser Variag and gunboat Korietz:

WIRELESS TELEGRAPH USED
FOR FIRST TIME IN WAR BY JAPS.

The Japanese fleet, commanded by Admiral Uriu, on the flagship Adnema, arrived at noon, and sent a wireless telegram to the Japanese cruiser Chigeda, which was lying at anchor between the Variag and Korietz, to join the fleet outside. The Russians found themselves trapped.

Admiral Uriu then signaled, giving the Russians five minutes in which to surrender.

RUSSIANS REFUSED TO SURRENDER;
FIRST BATTLE LASTED TWO HOURS.

The Russians ignored the demand to surrender, and the Japanese opened fire.

A brisk engagement, lasting two hours, followed. The Russian vessels, getting the worst of an encounter in which the odds were overwhelmingly against them, steamed back into the harbor. The Variag, which was badly injured, listed heavily.

The first gun was fired at twenty minutes to 12 o'clock. The Japanese, scoring the Korietz, concentrated their fire on the Variag. The latter continually circled round, replying from her sides alternately, but it was apparent that her shooting was not good. On every side her shells went wide.

It was observable that the Japanese gradually closed, the battleship Mikasa doing most of the firing and effecting damage.

Two hours later the Russians again attempted to break through the Japanese fleet, which they encountered four miles from the inner harbor.

DESPERATE SORTIE OF TRAPPED
SHIPS AROUSED NEUTRALS' ENTHUSIASM.

With their hands playing the national anthem, and the international fleet in the outer harbor loudly cheering the desperate sortie, the Variag and Korietz steamed out to the foe again to receive their deathblows.

It was a forlorn hope. The two warships of the Czar, already damaged and almost disabled, had not one chance in a thousand of running the gantlet of the seven splendid Japanese fighting ships outside.

A fierce fight followed, and the Russian vessels were badly damaged.

EXPLOSIONS SENT BOTH
VESSELS TO THE BOTTOM.

The Korietz was blown up, presumably by its own crew, in order to escape capture. A portion of the crew was rescued by the French and Italian vessels in the harbor.

The Variag tried to escape, but suddenly an explosion was heard, and the Variag was seen to sink. Whether she was sunk by a Japanese shell or her own crew is not known.

The United States gunboat Vicksburg and the cruiser Talcott witnessed the battle.

The Japanese fleet was composed of the Adnema (flagship), Chigeda, Naniwa, Takanishi, Akashi, Suma and Asama.

An authentic report says that the reason the Variag was unable to escape from Chemulpo was owing to the poor condition of her boilers, which rendered her unable to steam at a greater speed than eleven knots.

Nagasaki, Feb. 14.—The Japanese steamer Genkai Maru has arrived at Sasebo with seven officers and twenty-three men who were wounded in the engagement at Chemulpo.

REPORTED THAT COSSACKS
SABERED 410 JAPS AT DALNY.

London, Feb. 15.—The Daily Mail's Port Arthur correspondent, under date of February 12, says:

"Official advices state that the Japanese landed 600 soldiers near Tallenwan (Dalny) with disastrous results, 410 being sabered by Cossacks. The remainder escaped to their ships."

"It is further stated that the Japanese landed at Dove Bay, where thirty of them were killed, and the remainder retreated."

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC. Chefoo, Friday, Feb. 12, 8:55 p. m.—(Delayed in transmission.)—(Copyright, 1904.)—The Russians are laying mines at the entrance to Dalny, and all neutral merchant ships, ten in number, left the port, escorted by torpedo boats. The Japanese attack is expected at any moment.

TWELVE THOUSAND JAPS LANDED
AT DOVE BAY, BUT REPULSED.

Chefoo, Friday, Feb. 12.—It is reported that 12,000 Japanese troops were



ADMIRAL URIU, Who commanded the Japanese fleet at Chemulpo, and who is the first commander to use wireless telegraphy in actual warfare.

SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S WAR NEWS.

Reports of a terrific battle with bayonets, in which 12,000 Japanese troops were driven back by the Russian soldiers, comes from Chefoo. Attempting to land at Dove or Pigeon Bay, near Port Arthur, on Wednesday, the Japanese invading force, the dispatches state, was met by the Russians before a foothold had really been gained. The clash was desperate and the bayonet was the arm used by both armies.

While the details of the battle are meager, the late dispatches fully confirm The Republic's special cable printed on Friday morning, in which it was stated that an attempted landing had been made by the Japanese at Pigeon Bay.

Tokio is incensed at the destruction of a merchantman by Russian cruisers, calling the affair a wanton crime and threatening reprisals. Japan accepted France's parole for the Russian prisoners who fled from the destroyed Variag and Korietz at Chemulpo.

In a special cable to The Republic the fall of Port Arthur is declared to be certain, the Japanese army and navy working together to that end.

Meanwhile a new complication appeared in the puzzle as to the whereabouts of the Vladivostok squadron, reported torpedoed in the Tsuguro Straits, and also to have bombarded Hakodate and to have sunk a Japanese merchantman. From Nagasaki came a report that three of the giant cruisers actually were torpedoed in the Tsuguro Straits. No details.

landed at Dove Bay last Wednesday morning, and that they were met by the Russians, who engaged them in a hand-to-hand fight. The reports say the Japanese were driven back.

It is also reported that Japanese troops have been landed forty miles further west.

FORCE LANDED NEAR PORT ARTHUR
DRIVEN BACK WITH LOSSES.

London, Feb. 15.—The Daily Mail's Nuchwang correspondent, under date of February 11, cables:

"According to official Port Arthur telegrams, the Japanese landed a force yesterday at Pigeon (Dove) Bay, west of Port Arthur. They were then attacked by troops and by the land batteries and were defeated with heavy losses."

(Editor's Note: The Pigeon Bay here referred to probably is the same inlet referred to in the Associated Press dispatch next above as "Dove Bay.")

KWANG TUNG COAST IN DARKNESS.
EXPECTING LAND AND NAVAL ATTACK.

Ying-Tszen, Manchuria, Thursday, Feb. 11.—The Japanese Consul at New Chung left here to-day, transferring the affairs of his consulate to the American Consul.

The whole of the Kwan Tung coast is in total darkness at night in preparation for a torpedo and military attack.

Viceroy Alexieff has issued a warning to all shipping to beware of the coast, and has forbidden navigation of the bays at night.

ALEXIEFF CONFIRMS LANDING OF
19,000 JAPANESE AT CHEMULPO.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 15 (2:45 a. m.)—A communication from Viceroy Alexieff, just received, confirms the report of the landing of 19,000 Japanese troops at Chemulpo.

The Viceroy adds that reports have been received of attempts to cut the telegraph wires along the Chinese eastern railway and also to destroy one of the abutments of the Sungari bridge.

These attempts, he adds, were immediately detected and decisive measures taken to guard the railway.

CZAR'S UNCLE AND COUSIN
ARE GOING TO THE SEAT OF WAR.

A telegram from Shakhovskoy says that General Litvitch has been appointed to the supreme command of the Russian army in Manchuria.

Grand Duke Cyril, a cousin of the Czar, and Grand Duke Boris, the Czar's uncle, are about to proceed to the seat of war.

JAPANESE TRYING TO GET
IN REAR ON BOTH FLANKS.

There is no official confirmation of the rumor from Port Arthur of the landing of Japanese troops at Shan-Hai-Kwan, if the rumor should prove to be correct, it will mean that the Japanese are trying to get in the rear of the Russians from both flanks with the object of cutting communications.

In military circles confidence is expressed that the forward Japanese movement from Korea will be checked as soon as the Russian advance is encountered.

NEWS OF THE FIRST SERIOUS
BATTLE EXPECTED FROM YONGAMPO.

The retirement of the families of Russian officials across the Yalu River from Yongampo is interpreted as an indication that the news of the first serious land fighting will emanate from this point.

The alarm occasioned by the reported landing of Japanese in Korea extends as far back as Mukden, where the Chinese are said to be in a state of panic.

Some of the newspapers here are protesting vigorously against the censorship of war news. The Novoe Vremya says:

"We are not children; let us hear the worst."

An account of the injury to the wall at Port Arthur during the Japanese bombardment is the sum total of the war news issued officially up to midnight.

The Admiralty stamps as nonsense the story that the Baltic fleet has

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